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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ASEC, CASC, CO

SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING: FALSE PRESS REPORTS

REFERENCE: A) BOGOTA 3755, B) BOGOTA 3981, C) STATE 97900

1. COLOMBIA TASK FORCE (CTF) BELIEVES THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO TRACK DOWN SOURCE OF STORY. COULD PAO OR PRESS OFFICER CONTACT EL VESPERTINO REPORTER AND DISCREETLY TRY TO ASCERTAIN SOURCE? IS STORY A COMPLETE FABRICATION? IF SO, WHAT WERE HIS MOTIVES? IF REPORTER MAINTAINS HE RECEIVED INFORMATION, WOULD HE BE WILLING TO REVEAL SOURCE? CAN EMBASSY DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION ON REPORTER WHICH MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON WHY HE WOULD WRITE SUCH AN APPARENTLY FALSE REPORT?

2. CTF ALSO APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONFIRMATION (REF B) THAT NEITHER THE LOCAL BRIGADE COMMANDER NOR PERSONNEL OF
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THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS (SIL) HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON STARR'S ALLEGED RELEASE. HOWEVER, REF B DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER SIL PERSONNEL OR ANYONE ELSE ACTUALLY MADE DISCREET CHECK OF SIL CAMP AREA OR WHETHER EMBASSY REQUESTED SUCH A CHECK AS REQUESTED REF C. CTF BELIEVES THIS IMPORTANT AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FOLLOWING THROUGH AND REPORTING ON THE RESULT. CHRISTOPHER

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